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**Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and
the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes
of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
World Programme of Action for Youth**

**Austria,* Democratic Republic of the Congo, Portugal,* Republic of Moldova,*
Romania,* Senegal and Uzbekistan:* draft resolution**

Policies and programmes involving youth

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, and resolution 62/126 of 18 December 2007, by which it adopted the Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 62/126 requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-fourth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-seventh session, on the implementation of the World Programme of Action in the priority areas of environment, leisure-time activities, youth participation in decision-making, intergenerational issues, information and communication technologies, health, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, girls and young women and armed conflict, and to include in that report a comprehensive set of goals and targets for those priority areas based on consultations with Member States as well as the organizations, programmes, regional commissions and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, young people, youth-led organizations and other non-governmental organizations,

* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.



Recalling further the goals and targets related to the priority areas of globalization, poverty and hunger, education and employment, contained in the report of the Secretary-General on goals and targets for monitoring the progress of youth in the global economy,¹

Recognizing that the implementation of the World Programme of Action and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, require the full and effective participation of young people and youth-led organizations and other civil society organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels,

Stressing the important role of effective national youth policies in promoting the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Stressing also that increased coordination and collaboration among United Nations entities working on youth is necessary to make the youth-related work of the United Nations system more effective,

1. *Reaffirms* the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond² and its Supplement³ as a unified set of guiding principles to be referred to henceforth as the World Programme of Action for Youth;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: progress and constraints with respect to the well-being of youth and their role in civil society"⁴ and the annexes thereto containing goals and targets for the clusters "Youth and their well-being" and "Youth in civil society";

3. *Calls upon* Member States to consider using the goals and targets proposed in the report of the Secretary-General at the national level as a means of facilitating the monitoring of the progress in young people's well-being and their engagement with civil society and the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the relevant United Nations entities to disseminate information about the World Programme of Action for Youth and the proposed goals and targets and to promote their appropriate use in their programmatic work related to youth;

5. *Encourages* Member States to collect, on a continuous basis, reliable, comparable and relevant data, disaggregated by age and gender, to measure progress towards the implementation and monitoring of the World Programme of Action and the goals and targets proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to further develop and propose a set of possible indicators linked to the World Programme of Action for Youth and the proposed goals and targets, in order to assist States in assessing the situation of youth, with a view to allowing its consideration by the Commission

¹ A/62/61/Add.1-E/2007/7/Add.1.

² General Assembly resolution 50/81, annex.

³ General Assembly resolution 62/126, annex.

⁴ A/64/61-E/2009/3.

on Social Development at its forty-ninth session and by the Statistical Commission at the earliest opportunity;

7. *Urges* Member States to work together with youth-led organizations and other stakeholders, such as the private sector, to implement the World Programme of Action for Youth and, when using the proposed goals and targets, to share experiences and good practices in this regard;

8. *Calls upon* Member States, with the assistance of the United Nations system, to promote the well-being of youth by developing effective national youth policies as an integral aspect of their national development agendas;

9. *Also calls upon* Member States to create effective channels of cooperation and information exchange between young people, their national Governments and other decision makers and to support the establishment and functioning of independent national youth councils or equivalent bodies, including junior parliaments, with the assistance of the United Nations system where needed;

10. *Emphasizes* the need for Member States, the international community, the United Nations system and the private sector to support youth-led organizations in being open and inclusive and to strengthen their capacity to participate in national and international development activities;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult with youth-led and youth-focused organizations to ensure that varied youth input is duly shared with the Commission for Social Development during its deliberations;

12. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring that young people are recognized as active agents in decision-making processes and for positive change and development in society;

13. *Urges* Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations to all relevant discussions in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination, and emphasizes that such youth representatives should be selected through a transparent process which ensures that they have a suitable mandate to represent young people in their countries;

14. *Recognizes* the positive contribution that youth representatives make to the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies and their role as an important channel of communication between young people and the United Nations, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to support adequately the United Nations Programme on Youth of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat so that it can continue to facilitate their effective participation in meetings;

15. *Welcomes* the recent increased collaboration among United Nations entities in the area of youth development, and calls upon the United Nations Programme on Youth to continue to act as the focal point within the United Nations system to promote further collaboration;

16. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen international cooperation in support of national efforts to achieve the full implementation of all aspects of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Programme on Youth within the existing resources of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to meet the increasing demands on the Programme to support, evaluate and review youth development in all its facets;

18. *Invites* all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund in order to accelerate the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth in developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate action to encourage contributions;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session, a comprehensive report on the coordination and collaboration of relevant United Nations entities in their work related to youth.